



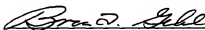
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No: 09/593,914 Confirmation No: 8319
Date Filed: June 14, 2000
Application Title: Probes, Probe Sets, Methods And Kits Pertaining To The
Detection, Identification And/Or Enumeration Of Yeast;
Particularly In Wine
Applicants: Hyldig-Nielsen et al.
Group Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: C. Myers
Action Date: February 25, 2003
Action Type: Third Office Action On Merits - FINAL
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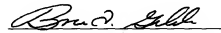
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Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2003 as provided for by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). With this extension, a response to the Office Action will be due on or before August 25, 2003. The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for a three-month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 920.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.


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